

**KERNEL JOHN TIMBER SALE  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT  
EA# OR105-96-08  
Decision Documentation**

Bureau of Land Management-Roseburg District  
South River Resource Area  
Date Prepared: November 14, 1996

**Decision:**

It is my decision to authorize harvest of approximately 6.6 MMBF of timber from approximately 158 acres (Alternative #3) in T30S R3W Sections 15, 21 and 23. The harvest is located in General Forest Management Area (GFMA). The tentative sale date is December 1996.

Units 1 and 4 will be cable and ground base harvested. Units 2 and 6 would be cable yarded and Units 3 and 5 will be helicopter harvested. Units 3-6 will not be yarded during the wet season (generally, October 15-May 15) due to potentially inadequate rock depth on roads. There will be no new road construction. Approximately nine miles of road would be maintained/renovated with this project. The culverts on St. John Creek along the 30-3-34.1 road in Section 22 will not be replaced at this time, but one is planned for replacement at a later time.

Site preparation recommendations will be adopted. Recommendations are to: broadcast burn Units 1, 2, 3 and Unit 4 (above road). Unit 4 (below road) and Unit 6 will be handpiled or spot burned. No site preparation using prescribed fire would be used in Unit 5. Specific site preparation methods would be reevaluated after harvest. Harvest units will be planted within one year of the completion of site preparation.

The EA states that the Riparian Reserves would be 160 feet. It was brought to our attention through public review, that this width was incorrect based on watershed analysis. The reserves will in fact be 180 feet on each side of the stream channel.

The area engineer and hydrologist also recommended several roads to be fully decommissioned or renovated to contribute towards attainment of Aquatic Conservation Strategy objectives for the John-Days-Coffee watershed. The Interdisciplinary Team concurred with those recommendations. It is my decision to fully decommission the: 30-3-30.3C, 30-3-30.2D-E, 30-3-34.1I, 30-2-13.0E, the last 0.2 miles of the 30-3-20.1 road, and the last 0.4 miles of the 30-3-20.0 road totaling approximately 2.0 miles. Portions of the 30-2-19.0, 30-3-13.0, 30-3-20.0, 30-3-30.2, 30-3-20.1 and 30-3-30.3 roads totaling approximately 6.5 miles (of which approx. 1.6 miles are on private property), would be maintained/renovated (see maps in the EA file). These roads will not be used in this timber sale and the above decommissioning and renovation will be implemented through a Jobs-in-the-Woods project.

The Lavadoure Creek Community Pit final development and reclamation will also be accomplished through Jobs-in-the-Woods. Rock needed to renovate the roads in that area will be extracted from the pit, and reclamation would consist of spreading soil over the area and seeding with grass for erosion control.

**Rationale for Decision:**

The decision is based on the following objectives; Alternative 3 applies the ecosystem management approach as outlined in the Record of Decision for Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Planning Documents Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl (ROD) and meets the objectives for Matrix lands as stated in the Roseburg District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan (ROD/RMP, p. 33). The sale will contribute to the allowable sale quantity (ASQ) (ROD/RMP, p. 60) for the resource area as originally proposed. The no action alternative would not meet the above objectives.

The project design features (mitigation) identified for the proposed action, are listed on page 4 of the EA and will be formulated into contract stipulations and applied during sale layout and implementation. Best Management Practices (ROD/RMP, Appendix D) will be implemented. Unit 1 will be surveyed for bald eagles prior to harvest. The Aquatic Conservation Strategy objectives would be met. Impacts are not expected to

exceed those discussed in the RMP/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) (Vol. I, p. 4-7 thru 4-99). The harvest is in conformance with the Standards and Guidelines in the ROD.


No issues were identified by other agencies or Native Americans during the scoping process. Comments were received from one member of the public and were considered during the development of this decision. There were also two requests to be sent a copy of the EA/FONSI and decision. The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has concurred with the proposed project. The Biological Opinion applicable to the harvest, was received from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). Terms and Conditions will be implemented. The development of the Lavadoure Community Pit has been submitted for consultation with the NMFS and the Biological Opinion is due in January 1997.

**Compliance and Monitoring:**

Monitoring would be conducted as per the guidance given in the ROD/RMP (Appendix I).

**Protest and Appeal Procedures:**

Public Law 104-19 (July 27, 1995) states that salvage timber sales and timber sales covered by Option 9 "shall not be subject to administrative review". This bill supersedes 43 CFR Subpart 5003 - Administrative Remedies. Protests must be filed in the appropriate U.S. district court within 15 days of the first publication of the sale notice. The sale notice is planned to first appear in the News Review on November 26, 1996.

  
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Date